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Mr John Wordell,

Mr Burns has just sent us a copy of your response to the concerns we expressed in our letter of Feb 22, 2002

In a nut shell, John our concerns were

- 1) The " tax issue" with the State of Montana, nothing to do with the EPA
- 2) We were promised replacement value and verbally guaranteed that nothing would be destroyed until an agreement was signed by all concerned parties
- 3) If clean-up was to take place on private and business properties in Libby Montana, then, based on our experience, there needs to be a definite conformity and signed understanding in the protocol

The closest you got to our concerns Mr Wordell was when you said "the agency has offered to re-build the same types of buildings on the property By the way , the replacement dollar amount to rebuild the building in the two appraisels was \$1,404,773

I wonder what it would be now or in the year 2003 or whenever the EPA decides we can have our land back Perhaps you are right and we will take your suggestion under advisement since we have not finalized the reimbursement agreement to date If we decide to rebuild the Nursery where do think we could get funding to start after being out of business for the last 3 years? You are right in your comment the Parkers are under a lot of stress

Sincerely,

Mel and Lerah Parker